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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents, except for U.S. Patent No. 5,220,170 were cited in a European Search Report (dated November 6, 2000) issued in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of that European Search Report is also enclosed. U.S. Patent No. 5,220,170 was cited in an Office Action in a counterpart Korean Patent Application. A copy of

both U.S. Patent No. 5,220,170 and the Korean Office Action are enclosed herewith.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

It is hereby certified that U.S. Patent No. 5,220,170 was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is due. However, if any fee is due, please charge or credit to our Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All

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